Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1948, John and Gladys Vander Wal began constructing township roads in northeastern South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Their beginning was one of determination, courage, and reliance on the good protestant work ethic, working as a husband and wife team, making things work by strength through struggle; and,

WHEREAS, John and Gladys have exemplified the qualities of skill, integrity and responsibility--their soft spoken word being as good as gold; and,

WHEREAS, John Vander Wal Construction Company is a charter member of the Land Improvement Contractors Association; Gladys Vander Wal was chosen as National Contractor Wife of the Year by the National Land Improvement Contractors of America; and they participate in the Associated General Contractors of America; and,

WHEREAS, John Vander Wal Construction Company continues to receive the notoriety from National Associated Contractors of America for its dedication to safety in the work place--a commitment to safety which has been John and Gladys' trademark; and,

WHEREAS, John and Gladys, through Vander Wal Construction Company, have impacted the lives of many employees, especially those hard working farmers who needed work and the summer construction jobs made the payments for their farms, and has paid the tuition for that college student who needed the work; and,

WHEREAS, After having built 700 miles of highways, hundreds of miles of waterways and terraces, cleared roadways of snow and ice for 40 springs, built numerous wastewater treatment facilities, and cleaned many livestock yards of the unmentionables, John Vander Wal Construction Company is celebrating its fortieth anniversary:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 5, 1988, as

JOHN VANDER WAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DAY

in South Dakota, and I thank them for their many years of service to this state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE